

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 26, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time extending the time for responding to the restriction requirement up to and including February 25, 2003, is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I figures 1-3 and Species II figures 4-6.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I. Currently, claims 1-11 are readable upon Species I. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

As it is believed that all of the requirements set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, an Official Action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (201) 847-6797 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

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